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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OF PHILADELPHIA.
1858.

January 5, 1858.

DR. RUSCHENBERGER, in the Chair.

Thirty-two members present.

Mr. Slack presented for publication in the Proceedings a paper entitled "Catalogue and Notes on the Egyptian Antiquities in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, by J. H. Slack," which was referred to a committee.

Dr. Uhler exhibited a specimen of nitre which had occurred spontaneously in large quantity, upon the wall of a dwelling formerly used as a stable. It was remarkable for its purity, being free from lime, ammonia, magnesia and nitrate of soda.

Mr. Cassin called attention to the specimen of *Falco polyagrus*, presented this evening by Mr. J. D. Sergeant, who had obtained it east of the Mississippi. Mr. Cassin had described the species from a specimen brought from Oregon by Mr. Townsend, but the present specimen was the first he had known to be found east of the Rocky Mountains.

January 12th.

Vice-President LEA in the Chair.

Thirty-four members present.

Dr. Leidy exhibited two plates of *Urnatella gracilis*, formerly described by him in the Proceedings. He said the stomachs of these animals contained certain voluntarily moving bodies which he had supposed to be parasites, but which might prove to be generative bodies. Mr. Lea had recently given him a *Uro* from the Scioto, upon which this species of *Urnatella* had been detected—the former specimens were from the Schuylkill.

Dr. Leidy announced the return from Nebraska Territory of Dr. F. V. Hayden, bringing an important collection of fossils, among which were a number of mammalian remains from a supposed pliocene deposit, of the Niobrara River, (L'eau-qui-court.)

January 19th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Forty-three members present.